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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)

16 JAN 1963

SUBJECT : Briefing of Members of Congress on  
Matters Pertaining to Projects I, A,  
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1. On 13 January 1963 [redacted] Chief, Security Branch, OSA, participated in a brief meeting in the office of Chief, Special Security Center, Office of Security. In addition to [redacted] CIA Security Officer assigned to the NRO in the Pentagon, was present. At the meeting [redacted] mentioned that in the immediate future officials of the Department of Defense will be briefing various committees of the Congress in areas wherein the DOD officials will probably discuss information pertaining to Program B projects. [redacted] stated that he anticipates receiving in the immediate future requests for "clearance" of members of Congress as a prelude to these briefings. He indicated further that in all probability he will not necessarily be informed in depth of the nature and scope of the matters to be discussed.

2. According to [redacted] it is his impression that undoubtedly the Secretary of Defense, Mr. McNamara, and the NRO Comptroller, [redacted] will desire to communicate to appropriate Congressional committees information pertaining to the projects in question in support of DOD (NRO) budget presentations. Since these anticipated briefings of the Congress by DOD officials on matters pertaining to projects under Program B raise questions of much broader significance than pure security "clearances", this Subject is invited to your attention in the event you desire to discuss this matter with the DCI and with appropriate officials of the Department of Defense to ensure that the Agency's position in such discussions are handled in a manner satisfactory to the Director.

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